

City Sets All-Time Building Record During October

10-Month Total Tops All Years

Year 1956 will go on the books as Torrance's greatest so far in building and may be the greatest for some time to come.

Building permits in October pushed the city's total for the year to \$45,105,311, some \$19,000 ahead of the building totals for 12 months of 1954, the previous record year, according to Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the City Engineer's office.

Although building totals for 1956 will probably pass the \$50 million mark for the first time in the city's history, building officials believe that residential construction in the city has reached its peak and that future records will have to be broken by industrial construction. Most of the large vacant spaces in the city have been filled with residential construction in the last few years.

School Tops Totals
Building during October hit a \$3,361,068 total, compared with \$3,461,743 last year. At the same time last year, the year's total was \$40,699,096.

Largest single permit during October was for the new South High School, which will be built at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Calle Mayor for \$1,600,000.

Sixty-five houses and two duplexes accounted for \$881,027 in residential construction permits. They included two tracts. Kalsel Homes propose to build 31 homes worth \$404,520 near 238th and Vine Sts. Noree Homes will build 20 homes valued at \$267,300 near 225th and Border Ave.

Permits for 19 commercial buildings worth \$516,000 were taken out during the month as were permits for \$110,700 in home alterations and repair, and \$73,000 in commercial alteration and repair. Miscellaneous permits accounted for \$178,000.

Parking District Changes Made; Building Considered

Purchase of three lots for downtown parking district which might be used in the future for a multi-story parking building was approved Friday morning by the Torrance city council as it studied the problem of what to do with the city's growing auto population.

Acting on recommendations from traffic expert Ralph Dorsey, the city fathers made several changes in the plans scheduled for the downtown parking district.

Actions Taken

The council took these actions for the district, acting on Dorsey's recommendation:

1. Started condemnation proceedings as the first step toward acquiring three lots on Post Ave., immediately behind the Bank of America, for use as a parking lot and possible future use as a multi-story parking building for downtown shoppers. The owner of the property wishes to sell the property, but condemnation proceedings were started to indicate the city's good faith.

2. Ordered City Manager George Stevens to investigate the best use for the old City Hall property at 1515 Cravens Ave. Dorsey suggested that bids be taken on the property to see whether it could be sold for enough money. Otherwise, he said, the best use of the property might be for a parking lot.

Lot Eliminated

3. Decided to eliminate a

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City Logs 12th Traffic Death

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A Redondo Beach man became the city's 12th traffic fatality of the year in a spectacular crash early Friday. Anson Arvel Winningham, 26, met sudden death when his 1956 Buick sedan zoomed into a power pole along 190th St., east of Hawthorne Ave., about 1 a.m.

He was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital where he was taken by Wright's Ambulance.

Missed Curve
Officers Jack Hahn and Sam Piazza said the auto apparently was traveling westerly at a high rate of speed when it failed to negotiate a curve and broadsided into the pole. The impact was so terrific that it peeled back the top of the car and hurled a left-side window 48 feet.

Winningham's body will be shipped to Oklahoma for burial, with the Halverson.

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Babysitters, Rides Offered Local Voters

Babysitting services and rides to the polls will be furnished for voters Tuesday by both political parties and several local organizations.

Voters who need transportation to the polls can call one of these groups:

Volunteers for Ike and Dick will offer rides to the polls either from their headquarters, 1615 Cabrillo Ave., or from local residences. The number to call is FA 8-8921.

Rides Offered
The Democratic headquarters, 1207 El Prado, also announced that it will furnish transportation for voters who call FA 8-8592.

Rides to polling places also will be offered by Paul's Chevrolet, 1640 Cabrillo Ave. A call to the firm at FA 8-1840 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. will bring a car to the door of any local voter.

Both babysitting and transportation services will be offered by the Senior High Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church. A call to the church, FA 8-3242 or FA 8-6975, will bring both a chauffeur and a high school girl to sit with the children. This is being carried on through a project entitled "Citizenship Under 21," which is being carried on by the local youngsters.

Girls to Babysit
Residents of the Hollywood Riviera area can get a babysitter from 3:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday by calling FR 5-3354. The Riviera Girl Scout Marchers will provide the service.

Some 43,300 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in the Harbor district of the Los Angeles Area Council yesterday participated in the "Get-Out-the-Vote-Campaign."

In this area 60,000 doorknob hangers were placed on homes in the communities urging all citizens to go to the polls Tuesday.

Temperatures

Sunday	68	48
Monday	67	37
Tuesday	69	40
Wednesday	68	50
Thursday	70	50
Friday	75	40



GREETING COMMITTEE . . . On hand to greet Mrs. Roosevelt during her visit in Torrance Friday night were Congressman Cecil R. King (left), Mayor Albert Isen, her son James Roosevelt, and Mrs. King. Mrs. Roosevelt spoke to a packed hall at the American Legion building.

World Crisis 'Most Odd' Mrs. Roosevelt Says Here

"It's the oddest situation we have ever been in, that of being ally, of Egypt and Russia. If we had a policy and the confidence of our allies, the conflict wouldn't have taken place," Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt told a crowd of more than 500 attending an informal dinner given last Friday evening by the All-American Committee for Stevenson-Kefauver at the American Legion Hall in Torrance.

Mrs. Roosevelt was introduced to the capacity crowd by Congressman Cecil King. Mr. King in introducing Mrs. Roosevelt stated, "If one waits long enough, good things come to him. This evening it is my pleasure to introduce the former first lady of the United States who is now the first lady of all the world."

Mrs. Roosevelt ascended to the podium to an exuberant standing ovation.

"It's a great pleasure to be with you," she said. "I hope this means you are all going to work very hard between now and election day."

"Brink of War"
"We have been told up to four days ago that everything was rosy throughout the world. Now President Eisenhower says we are on the brink of war. I have been in the Near East a number of times. There never has been rest on the Israel border," she stated. "As far as Israel is concerned their

action was a case of being disparate. They felt they must act now before Russia could arm the other countries against them. This has been coming for a long time.

"We have been fooled in the last four years. We are responsible people and have a right to know what's going on," related Mrs. Roosevelt.

Confidence Lost
"The Secretary of State has lost the Allies' confidence in us and didn't even know what was going to happen. He said he thought Great Britain and France instigated the Israel action. How come he didn't know? How come we lost the trust of our Allies?" Mrs. Roosevelt asked.

Speaking on the resolution that had been introduced into the United Nations, Mrs. Roosevelt stated, "We should never introduce a resolution into the

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Suspect Held Without Bail

Superior Court trial for Fred E. Horsley, 36, charged with the brutal murder of his wife last month, was ordered following the preliminary hearing Friday before South Bay Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett.

Horsley was ordered held without bail for arraignment in Los Angeles Superior Court on Nov. 16 after Judge Willett denied a defense motion for dismissal of the murder charge.

Leading off a parade of witnesses during the day-long hearing was Dr. W. C. Ridgeley, autopsy surgeon with the County Coroner's office. He testified that a postmortem examination revealed that Horsley's wife, Maudie, 34, died of asphyxiation resulting from savage blows to the neck. He said she had not been assaulted sexually. The woman's body bore 16 wounds apparently inflicted by an undetermined weapon.

Horsley, who did not testify, sat impassively during the proceedings.

His attorney, Howard Russell, indicated that he will enter a not guilty plea.

City Okays PD Station Wrecking Bid

Local residents who may have willed away many happy (or unhappy) hours inside the old city police station and jail at 1511 Cravens Ave. had better take a last fond look, because the building won't be there much longer.

Under terms of a contract approved by the Torrance City Council Friday morning, the building will be torn down by Walter E. Hesse, Gardena, for \$1700.

The old police station will go the way of the old fire station, which adjoined it and which was torn down in recent weeks to make way for a new parking lot.

Under terms of the contract, Hesse will begin work on demolition within five days and will complete the job within a month.

An apparent low bid of \$1650, entered by the Standard Wrecking Co., Colton, was rejected by the Council because it did not meet the specifications set forth. Seven bids, ranging from \$1650 to \$4700, were received.

Two neighbors, Melvin Bashor and Mrs. John Stigor, testified to hearing screams coming from the Horsley home

State Report Backs Hospital Proposal

State Department of Public Health report on Harbor General Hospital today was cited by the Citizens' Committee for Proposition B as reason for the passage of the \$15,400,000 bond issue to replace the hospital.

Gordon R. Cumming, chief of the Bureau of Hospitals, State Department of Public Health, made the report showing the hospital cannot comply in many instances with

minimum requirements of hospital licensing regulations.

His report was made at the request of Alfred L. Thomas, administrator of the Harbor Hospital, and Supervisor Burton W. Chace, who urges voters approve the \$15,400,000 bond issue—Proposition B.

The report shows that ramps at the hospital are covered only on the top with the sides open so that patients and personnel "must use these ramps in all kinds of weather,"

"Harbor General was built by the Army for temporary use in World War II," the report states. "Its general layout and type of construction makes compliance with many licensing standards very difficult."

The report goes on to state that "for all practical purposes compliance in some instances appears to be impossible."

The entire hospital grounds cover an area of 78 acres and

some of the buildings are of a wooden barracks type structure, some are steel barracks and some are of stucco. All are one story high.

Plumbing is open to the view contrary to hospital practice and the narrow corridors in the buildings have no ceilings and the siding shows on each side.

"Because corridors are, in the main, unprotected from the sides, water has collected

on the floor during rainy weather, causing a hazardous condition to personnel and creating a potential sanitary problem," Cumming's report to Thomas stated.

Dr. Edward C. Rosenow Jr., president of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn., who personally backed Proposition B, has been joined by scores of medical men and organizations in urging the voters to pass the hospital bond issue.



OLD SHACK BURNS . . . Torrance firemen battled the flames at an abandoned shack at 22806 Earl St. yesterday morning for several hours. Battalion Chief Neil Whitney led two companies of firemen in a vain attempt to save the shack, which was completely destroyed. The 18 by 20-foot structure had been unoccupied for several years. Officials said the cause of the fire was undetermined, but might have been started by children.